

## ABSTRACT

A data processing system blind source separation of an overcomplete set of signals generally includes means for storing input from sensors in a mixed signal matrix **X 200**, noise in a noise matrix **V 202**, an estimate of the individual signals from the mixture of  
5 signals from the signal sources in a source signal estimate matrix  $\hat{\mathbf{S}}$  **204**, and an estimate of environmental effects in a mixing matrix  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$  **206**, the matrices related by  $\mathbf{X} = \hat{\mathbf{A}}\hat{\mathbf{S}} + \mathbf{V}$ ; generating an initial estimate of  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$  **208**; determining the number of, and associated lines of correlation of, each source from  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$ , and representing the sources in the source signal estimate matrix  $\hat{\mathbf{S}}$  **210**; jointly optimizing  $\hat{\mathbf{S}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$  in an iterative manner to generate  
10 an optimized source signal estimate matrix  $\hat{\mathbf{S}}$  **212** and a final estimated mixing matrix  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$ ; and restoring the separated source signals from the optimized source signal estimate matrix  $\hat{\mathbf{S}}$  **214**.